

WORLD OF RADIO #1185, produced June 4, 2003 by Glenn Hauser

- *Starting June 7, WINB in Pennsylvania carries World of Radio, Saturdays 1730 UT = 12:30 pm CDT on 13570
- *SIU Edwardsville Webradio is carrying WOR, Mondays 1830, and Continent of Media Wednesdays 1830 via <http://www.siu.edu/WEBRADIO/> after E. B. Stevenson's music shows a sesquihour earlier
- *These and other changes are in new compact and detailed versions of our schedules via <http://www.worldofradio.com> which is a noncommercial public service just like this program
- *Also at our site, updates of DX and Media Programs, Nets To You, and all May issues of DX Listening Digest in one html file
- *WJIE site has news of latest adventures in Africa; turmoil in Liberia and problems in shipping mean change of plans for 100 kW ex-FEBA Seychelles transmitter; to be installed in Uganda instead
- *V. of Liberty, present low-power WJIE station in Liberia on 11515 or so is off the air awaiting part
- *V. of Democratic Eritrea, via Germany, 5920, heard 1400-1500 on Saturday, presumably for Europe
- *BBCM says a new Ethiopian opposition station at 1700-1800 Sunday on 12130 is R. Justice or in Tigrigna R. Fthi, originating in Washington DC; same listed on TDP site under different name, R. Solidarity, ex-via Germany Wed and Sat on 15265, unheard
- *King of Swaziland, Africa's last absolute monarch, condemns human rights as an ``abomination before God``, especially women wearing pants; meanwhile he has 10 wives and another fiancée after inspecting topless videos; how cool is TWR about operating from such a country?
- *R. Botswana going 24 hours; will we still be able to hear dawn chorus warmup of humans making barnyard sounds before 0300 on 4820?
- *R. Okapi, Congo DR, heard in Italy on rarely reported 6030 at 2210-2240
- *R. Congo, Brazzaville, not only in clear on 5985 at 0430-0455 but also 2155-2230, as heard in Pennsylvania
- *More on new Libyan broadcast to Iraq at 1800-1900 on 7245, 11660 and instead of 9745, on 9605; closest to an ID: ``General Center for broadcasts beamed from the Great Jamahiriyyah, a message to the people of the two rivers``; really from Libya, or relayed from France?
- *Last week's item about R. Free Iraq via Kuwait on 15495 seems incorrect; IBB is registered for that via Woofferton, England but as VOA
- *Jalal Talabani of PUK acknowledges CIA and other US government ``friends`` involved in V. of Iraqi Liberation, clandestine no longer active
- *New MW transmitter in UAE on 1170 is 800 kW, per Thales press release, with 3 switchable antenna patterns [used by R. Farda]
- *Israel Radio's shortwave service still in danger; to be stopped by end of year, not *at* end of year, so could be any day now; protest

letters to Chairman of IBA, Avraham Natan, IBA House, 161 Jaffa Road, Jerusalem 91280, Israel

- *R. Afghanistan announced 400 kW unit is experimental on 1107 kHz, asking for reports from around the country, ``chase the program``
- *Wondering if the relay of Afghanistan via Norway still exists on 18940 around 1300-1600
- *R. Pakistan at 0800 back on 21465 instead of 15095
- *Jeff Cohen of WRN London explains DX reports of China Radio International on MW from eastern Europe: pilot transmissions from various sites, times and antennas; final arrangement to be announced. Currently Russian 1700-1800 on 1548 via Moldova
- *Fang Guang Ming (Falun Gong) now scheduled 2100-2200 on 6035, and 9625 ex-9945
- *Correcting last week's item, 3rd harmonic from Vietnam on 17925 would be from fundamental 5975, not 5925
- *New SW broadcast station planned from Sandaun province, Papua New Guinea, nothing to do with NBC, to cover entire country. May not have anything to do with previous report of two new 7 MHz frequencies
- *R. New Zealand International closes 9885 at 1310, but then runs 6095 for 5 minutes, to tune it up for opening morning broadcast a few hours later
- *Listeners to HCJB Australia heard classical music fill instead of DX Partyline May 31; but not its final broadcast. Aired as usual for last time on HCJB Ecuador. One new time will remain from there, Saturdays 1230 on 15115. UT June 1 was HCJB's final English broadcast to North America on 9745; still no word of which US SW station will carry DX Partyline. Only English broadcast now is 1100-1330 on 15114.2 and 21455, no more Morning in the Mountains, just syndicated gospel, not setting HCJB apart any more [but MITM is to return later this summer]. 9745 remains on the air with Spanish service ex-9525
- *The 1185th World of Radio, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, USA; or woradio at yahoo.com
- *Thanks this week for financial support go to Mike Barraclough
- *DX news from Bjoern Malm, Quito: new HCTP5, Ecos del Portete, Giron, Ecuador on 1610.10, mostly music; also heard in Sweden at 0105-0230 with Andean music
- *Peruvian catches: 2820.40 harmonic is R Olmos, Lambayeque, 2 x 1410; on 4799.99, R. Satellite, Santa Cruz, Cajamarca at 2341, with QRM de Guatemala; R. Peru on 5637.24; R. San Miguel de Sondor on 6536.06 at 0200
- *R. Melodia, Arequipa usually on 5996, moved to 6106.95, and then moved again to 6042.55 variable, heard by several others in this area; including near Moscow at 0023-0215
- *Artyom Prokhorov gets lots of South American DX before local sunrise in the Russian countryside, such as R. Nueva Esperanza, Bolivia, 6585 at 0036-0143
- *Unidentified Brazilian on 6370.00 heard by Malm around 1010 UT; unseems harmonic

- *KWKH, 1130, Shreveport LA, change to sports format was short-lived; back to Classic Country since Memorial Day
- *WGMS, Washington DC's only commercial classical music station, to be sold to Fox and converted to Fox news channel audio track! Was a good entry-level service to classical; cultural mediocrity growing with its demise
- *Following up current Continent of Media: agreement signed to put 22 NYC TV and FM antennas atop new Freedom Tower at Trade Center site by 2008y; most temporarily on Empire State, Building
- *As expected, Republican majority on FCC voted to relax restrictions on media concentration, but a big fight brewing with legal challenges; and congressional hearing already two days later; DXLD 3-096, -097, -098 and onward have lots of stories on this
- *Steve Anderson of United Patriot Radio won't go to trial July 28 since he took a guilty plea. Faces at least 10 years of prison, sentencing in September
- *Device to avoid government mind control:
<http://zapatopi.net/afdb.html>
- *FCC also busy on high-frequency with a detailed report in the Federal Register on changes in allocations for broadcasting and other services; see DXLD 3-097. Puts in place expanded SW bands which are de facto already in use
- *Kim Elliott's audience research at VOA shows which media its listeners use: 59% shortwave, 16% local AM and FM rebroadcasts; 15% VOA MW outlets; 9% VOA internet audio; everything else 1% or less; so 74% listen to VOA's own SW and MW frequencies
- *KNLS Alaska claims to be on 11765 for English at 0800, but heard on 11675; typo or continuing punchup error? Installation of new transmitter delayed because last winter was not cold enough
- *Banff Park Radio, Alberta, on FM in English and French; English also streamed via <http://www.friendsofbanff.com/radio.htm>
- *Anyone heard AFN Iceland lately on 13855? Missing since May 23 or so
- *BBCWS annoys us by adding time signals at :15 and :45; why in the world? Unless for convenience of Ghurkas
- *R. Slovakia International's 2-month old Spanish service asks listeners to be patient in requests for goodies
[next two items only on low version and WBCQ...]
- *Hare Krishna station reported again in Russia/Ukraine around 7437, R. Veda scheduled 0100-0300 or later with 150 watts from Orel
- *This is time of year for tropospheric ducts between California coast and Hawaii allowing VHF DX over extremely long distances; see DXLD 3-094
- *Girard Westerberg in Kentucky claims first DTV sporadic E DX reception, of KOTA-DT Rapid City SD on channel 2
- *Propagation outlook from Boulder, June 3; flux range 100-130
- *Standard disclaimer
- *Glenn Hauser, concluding World of Radio 1185 ###